

only cancer program in Louisiana, and the only program in the Gulf South, selected for the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program; and

Whereas, the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program is designed to create a community-based cancer center network to support basic, clinical and population-based research initiatives, addressing the full cancer care continuum from prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship through end-of-life care; and

Whereas, the seven major focus areas of the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program are to reduce cancer healthcare disparities, improve quality of care, increase participation in clinical trials, enhance cancer survivorship and palliative care services, participate in biospecimen research initiatives to support personalized medicine, expand use of electronic health records and connect to cancer research data network and enhance cancer advocacy; and

Whereas, the sixteen initial pilot hospitals have made considerable progress toward achieving the major program goals and are defining for NCI what it takes to build a national network of community hospitals that are fully engaged in cancer research and offer the latest evidence-based, multidisciplinary care to diverse populations in their home communities; and

Whereas, funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act helped the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program expand from its original pilot network of sixteen to thirty hospitals in twenty-two states. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to continue to support and invest in the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program, a vital and innovative program that is transforming the way cancer care is delivered across the nation. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-135. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification the Parental Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Whereas, the right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right protected by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Louisiana; and

Whereas, our nation has historically relied first and foremost upon parents to meet the real and constant needs of children; and

Whereas, the interests of children are best served when parents are free to make child-rearing decisions about education, religion, and other areas of a child's life without state interference; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court, in *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205 (1972), held that "This primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American tradition"; and

Whereas, however, in *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000), six justices of the United States Supreme Court filed opinions on the nature and enforceability of parental rights under the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the number of written opinions in *Troxel v. Granville* has created confusion

and ambiguity about the fundamental nature of parental rights in the laws and society of the several states; and

Whereas, H. J. Res. 42 and S.J. Res. 16 were introduced during the First Session of the 111th Congress to provide for an amendment to the United States Constitution to prevent erosion of the enduring American tradition of treating parental rights as fundamental rights, and the legislation states:

"Section One: The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right.

Section Two: Neither the United States nor any State shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

Section Three: No treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this article"; and

Whereas, this amendment would add explicit text to the Constitution of the United States to forever protect the rights of parents as they are now enjoyed, without substantive change to current state or federal laws respecting these rights; and

Whereas, the enumeration of these rights in the text of the Constitution of the United States would preserve these rights from being infringed upon by shifting ideologies and interpretations of the United States Supreme Court. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt and submit to the states for ratification the Parental Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Be it further

*Resolved*, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3635. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-228).

By Mr. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3636. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-229).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 258. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors.

S. 1684. A bill to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registry program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3638. An original bill to establish a national safety plan for public transportation, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3629. A bill to improve the efficiency, operation, and security of the national transportation system to move freight by leveraging investments and promoting partnerships that advance interstate and foreign commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. LEMIEUX):

S. 3630. A bill to improve the commercialization potential of National Science Foundation grants, enhance the metrics used to assess such potential, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3631. A bill to encourage innovation to create clean technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3632. A bill to provide for enhanced penalties to combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud, a Medicare data-mining system, and a Beneficiary Verification Pilot Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3633. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to improve a provision relating to Federal procurement of recycled materials to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 3634. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the types of energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities eligible for income exclusion; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 3635. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MIKULSKI:

S. 3636. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. INUYE):

S. 3637. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3638. An original bill to establish a national safety plan for public transportation, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3639. A bill to provide for greater maritime transportation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3640. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitations